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Title: Need to review restrictions imposed on construction activities by CRZ norms.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): I would like to point out the hardships suffered by poor fishermen communities living in the coastal belt in the country particularly in Kerala because of the heavy restrictions imposed over any type of construction activities based on CRZ norms. The clauses of the norms have crated many hardships to the lives of poor fishermen particularly in the coastal belt of Kerala. The CRZ regulation restricts building activities and of fisheries-related infrastructural facilities also. This affects the livelihood of fishermen. They also even face trouble for making alteration to their houses. Government had assured earlier to make amendments to CRZ norms because of these practical hardships. However, till now no efforts have been made in this regard. I would request the Government to take remedial steps in this regard.